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Hello, Fun Seekers! The time has come to discuss *How To Submit Assignments*. Please submit your assignments via the Blackboard [Assignments] tab. Please do not e-mail your work to fpaiano@swccd.edu. I literally get dozens of e-mail messages each day and it is easy to lose assignments from students. Please use fpaiano@swccd.edu for general questions and concerns, not to submit assignments. (I don't know about you, but I am drowning in e-mail! And people ask me why I do not use mobile phone text messages. Yet another system to be drowned in? Aye!)

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To summarize:

1) Submit your assignments via the Blackboard [Assignments] section as *PDF* files.

2) Do not submit or e-mail Word or Excel documents.

3) Please submit only PDF files. (Convert your assignments into PDF files.)

4) If you want to handwrite your assignments, that is fine, providing they are legible. After you have handwritten them, scan them and create PDF files. (You can also send graphic files instead of PDF files.)

And if all else fails, you can drop off your assignments at the main campus or you can even mail your assignments to the college or my home address. Thank You!

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